

of the air carrier against acts of criminal violence or air piracy.

“(2) TRAINING INSTRUCTORS AND CABIN CREW.—An air carrier’s training instructors or cabin crew shall not be liable for damages in any action brought in a Federal or State court arising out of an act or omission of a training instructor or a member of the cabin crew regarding the defense of an aircraft against acts of criminal violence or air piracy unless the crew member is guilty of gross negligence or willful misconduct.”.

(C) NONLETHAL WEAPONS FOR FLIGHT ATTENDANTS.—

(1) STUDY.—The Under Secretary of Transportation for Security shall conduct a study to determine whether possession of a non-lethal weapon by a member of an air carrier’s cabin crew would aid the flight deck crew in combating air piracy and criminal violence on commercial airlines.

(2) REPORT.—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary of Transportation for Security shall prepare and submit to Congress a report on the study conducted under paragraph (1).

The provisions of this amendment shall take effect one day after date of enactment.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 4, 2002 at 4 p.m., to hold a nomination hearing.

AGENDA

Nominees: Mr. John R. Dawson, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru (to be introduced by the Honorable Bob Dole, former U.S. Senator); Mr. Antonio O. Garza, Jr., of Texas, to be Ambassador to Mexico (to be introduced by the Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison and the Honorable Phil Gramm); and Mrs. Linda E. Watt, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR AND PENSIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 4, 2002, at 10 a.m., in SD-430. The following item will be considered: S. 2758, the Child Care and Development Block Grant.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet today, September 4, 2002 from 9:30 a.m.–12 p.m. in Dirksen 628 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY, TERRORISM, AND GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Tech-

nology, Terrorism and Government Information be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on “An AMBER Alert National System” on Wednesday, September 4, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

Panel: Robbie Callaway, Chairman, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Alexandria, VA; Sharon and Nichole Timmons, Mother and victim of abduction, Riverside, CA; Edward Fritts, President and CEO, National Association of Broadcasters, Washington, DC; Joe Farrow, Deputy Commissioner, California Highway Patrol, Sacramento, CA; Marc Klaas, Father of Polly Klaas, Victim of abduction, Sausalito, CA.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Brenda Toineeta, an Interior Department employee on detail to the majority staff, be granted the privilege of the floor during consideration of H.R. 5093, the Interior appropriations bill.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Nancy Perkins, a detailee from the office of Senator JUDD GREGG, be granted the privilege of the floor during the consideration of the Interior appropriations bill.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Peter Mali, a fellow on my staff, be granted the privilege of the floor during the consideration of the Interior appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that William Denk, a fellow on the Finance Committee, be granted the privilege of the floor for the pendency of the homeland security bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Chairman of the Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee, pursuant to Public Law 106-569, announces the appointment of the following individuals to be members of the Lands Title Report Commission: Dore A. Bietz of Toulumne, California; Juel C. Burnette III of Brandon, South Dakota; Thomas Livermont of Pierre, South Dakota; and Thomas H. Shipp of Durango, Colorado.

HONORING THE 2002 LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL WORLD SERIES WINNER

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 320, which was introduced earlier today by Senator BUNNING.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 320) honoring the Valley Sports American Little League baseball team from Louisville, Kentucky, for winning the 2002 Little League Baseball World Series.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I rise today to take this opportunity, along with my colleague from Kentucky, Senator MCCONNELL, to speak in support of this resolution honoring the Valley Sports American Little League Baseball Team from Louisville, Kentucky for winning the 2002 Little League Baseball World Series.

This is the first time in the 56-year history of the Little League World Series that a team from Kentucky has won the championship.

And all of us throughout the commonwealth are very proud of these young men and their coaches.

In fact, this team made it through their entire playoff run without losing a single game—24 games and 24 wins. As someone who played and managed professional baseball for over a quarter-century, I can tell my colleagues just how difficult it is to win 24 games in a row at any level of the sport.

Over the last month, when major league players were bickering with owners about salaries and revenue-sharing and drug-testing, the little leaguers showed the best of what baseball and our young people have to offer.

They played with grit, determination and great skill. They displayed spectacular sportsmanship along with giving us some of the finest baseball you will ever see.

The young men from Valley Sports played America’s national pastime as it is meant to be played.

I take this opportunity to congratulate all of these young men—Aaron Alvey, Justin Elkins, Ethan Henry, Alex Hornback, Wes Jenkins, Casey Jordan, Shane Logsdon, Blaine Madden, Zach Osborne, Jake Remines, Josh Robinson and Wes Walden—along with their manager and coaches—Troy Osborne, Keith Elkins and Dan Roach—for this remarkable achievement.

Their heart and determination are models for us all. In my mind, they are all true all stars.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I might note just in passing, this is a resolution honoring the Kentucky baseball team that won the Little League World Series, and there can be no better person to do this than the Senator from Kentucky, who is a member of the professional Baseball Hall of Fame. So I think it is worth noting that a Member